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## **Dennis J. Taitano**



### **Deputy Assistant Secretary (Financial Operations) Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller)**

Mr. Taitano has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Operations since August 2009. He is responsible for Department of Navy (DON) accounting and financial management matters, with prime responsibilities for developing and implementing policies, processes and systems for the DON. He is also responsible for the administration and oversight of the DON's Financial Improvement Program which focuses on strengthening internal controls over business and financial processes and systems enabling the effective and efficient use of DON resources.

Mr. Taitano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in May 2001. He has over 30 years of Federal service.

From May 2001 to August 2009, Mr. Taitano served as the Director, Office of Budget and Finance, for the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). He was FSA's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Budget Officer responsible for all financial management policies, programs, and systems of FSA and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). He was also CFO for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service and Controller for the CCC. From January 2009 to August 2009, Mr. Taitano served as Acting FSA Administrator and Associate Administrator during the administration's transition.

From 1982 to 2001, Mr. Taitano served in various Comptroller, Budget Officer and analyst positions for the Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Ordnance Center, Naval Air Systems Command, and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In these positions, he was responsible for the financial and budgetary administration, programming and execution of assigned investment, operating, and working capital financed appropriation programs.

From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Taitano served as Special Advisor for the Defense Reform Initiative Office in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and was responsible for monitoring the development and implementation of DOD financial management reform initiatives.

Mr. Taitano holds a master's degree in public financial management from the American University, and a bachelor's degree in business management and economics from the University of Maryland. He is a 1999 graduate of USDA's SES Candidate Development Program.

Mr. Taitano is a recipient of the 2009 Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. He has received numerous USDA and DON performance awards, including two DON Meritorious Civilian Service Medals. He is a member of the Senior Executives Association, American Society of Military Comptrollers, and the American Association of Budget and Program Analysis.